



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Neirynck et al.  
Application No. : 09/498,046 Confirmation No. : 8244  
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For : IMMUNOPROTECTIVE INFLUENZA ANTIGEN AND  
ITS USE IN VACCINATION  
Group Art Unit : 1648  
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the January 15, 2004 Final Office Action, applicants request continued examination and provide the following remarks.

Applicants timely filed a Notice of Appeal on July 15, 2004. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). With the extension, the deadline for filing an Appeal Brief is October 15, 2004. Thus, the instant request for continued examination is timely.

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